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APPLICANTS RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the first Office Action from the Examiner for the above referenced patent application, the Applicant hereby provides the following Response:

Specification

The Examiner has requested that page 1 of the Applicant's specification be modified to update the status of the parent application. Accordingly, the Applicant herein provides a substitute paragraph which updates the status of the parent application. The modified replacement paragraph is attached.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102